VOTE OF THE NEGRO

The Place He Occupies in Southern Politics.

ALWAYS AGAINST THE WHITES

Scenes of the First Election After the Close of the War-Recollections of an Old Time Southerner.

To write of the negro on election day and not have the paper political is al-most impossible, for the negro is nothing if not political, and election day, of all days in the year, is that on which his politics become concentrated. All bear a different relation to the body, politic and social. He may be a citizen, a laborer, a servant, a friend, but as election day approaches he begins to shed those characters somewhat as a locust does his shell jacket, and on election day he emerges a full-fledged

This is the chief cause of the trouble which has existed in the south between him and the whites, and, however derable it may be, until a different disposition intervenes on his part, it is apt to continue a cause of trouble. This is not intended to be political, for the fact that the negro is republican is an accine thing would exist. He began republican naturally as naturally as the white of the south began his post-bellum career democratic. He has remained republican because the white has re-mained democratic; and were the whites to suddenly wheel around and become republican the negro would as anddenly become the opposite. This is the key to much that has gone misunderstood, and when it shall be recognized we shall be in a fair way to begin to rectify mistakes and to solve the great problem.

My first recollection of an election

the first at which the negroes voted. I remember the poll was a few miles from my old home at Beaver Dam depot, in the long, low, brick de-pot building, which had been built to stand even fire after Stoneman and Sheridan in their raids had twice burnt the wooden building. Once they de-stroyed along with it three days' ra-tions stored there for Gen. Lee's army. which seemed rather a waste of the which seemed rather a waste of the raw material to us boys who had not had a taste of coffee or sugar in two years. The ballot box, or perhaps there were two, I cannot recollect, was on a bench in the wide door at the end, and I think we were taken over to see the spectacle of the negroes woting. I remember I was struck with the smallness of the box, about which I had ness of the box, about which I had heard so much talk. I had expected to find it as large as a wood box at least, if not of the big white boxes in which the servents' "winter clothes" used to come from Elchmond. It was not bigger than a tea chest; and, in fact, I have mover got over a feeling that it is somehow not quite commensurate in dignity with its function. It is big enough, however, bigger than it looks.

I remember the strange men setting ginm and important in their chairs just behind the box and the group of negroes pressing up and handing in their slips omper, some with diffidence, som with amasement, some with a pompour presense of knowledge, but all with a certain nervousness born of their desire to perform without error their new and strange function. They took their orders from one of the strange men and one after another handed in their ballots, while a group of negro women on one side watched curiously and a group of disfranchised white men on the othe watched surfily the unwonted spectacle. It was an emirous beginning. I do not remember what the vote was for. I do not know that I ever knew, and I doubt if the voters did either. I rember Archie Tyles, a sort of preacher and leader, years after Gen. Grant's presidency, testifying that he voted



MARLY MORNING-AWAPITMG THE OPEN ING OF THE POLLS.

"for ole Mr. Grant." I only rememberett that somehow I felt time it was a hostile act and was angry with the two men who were behind the box, though not as I recollect with the negroes themselves, a number of whom had be-

longed to us.
The first representative from my county that I remember was Burwell Toler, an old negro, who was elected to the state convention over Mr. William P. Wickham, the wealthlest man in the county, and the father of Gen. Wick-The Wielthams had been whigh and onlon men before the war, as had my own people, roting against secession until the state went out, when all of proper age had promptly entered the army, where they stayed until Apmitter. And after the war they accepted the situation and deemed it best the worth to unite with the republicans and try to guide their policy in the south. They thus voted with the republicaces at first, though eventually, in face of reconstruction, they fell into line with the great body of the anothern people. Thus it was that on the occasion of the first election it was hoped that Mr. Wickham might be elected, and for the first time in his life he concented to run for office. He was detented, however, and never again milered, contenting himself with voting and inving his vote neutralized by that of his old driver Oliver, Burwell Tuler's brother.

This is related because it leads up to the fact that Gen. Wickham, who had been through all the period of reconstruction the best friend that the negro had to Virginia, and who incurred by his unflinching course that hostility which only those can appreciate who know how strongly the southerner can feel in political matters subsequently ran for the state senate as a debt-pay-ing republican, and because the bulk of the whites in the district, democrats as well as republicans, advocated him, was opposed by the negroes with an extraordinary unanimity. This contest illustrates aprly the tendency of the negro to align himself against the

The candidate who came out against Gen. Wickham was a man who moved to the county for the purpose of contesting the district. His past was, ac cording to all reasons, as well calculated to excite the negroes' hostility as Gen. Wickham's was to enlist their gratitude and friendship. He had before the war been one of the leading spirite in organizing the "blue lodges" of Kansas. After the war, as member of the legislature of New Jersey, he had either moved or seconded a resolution rejecting the Fourteenth amendment. These facts were established by record evidence during the canvass, yet, with the exception of certain of Gen. Wickham's own servants, the negroes who voted for Gen. Wickham were hardly worth taking into account. The negro, however, neither bears malice nor gratitude long. He is, for the most part, a kindly creature, who simply follows his impulses and is duped more easily than



A BLACK AND WHITE VOTE.

schild. One of the most active workers for Gen. Wickham's opponent was one of our old servants, who it might have been supposed would, owing to the following facts, have supported him on personal grounds, if on no other. Just prior to the war Phil's father, who belonged to a neighbor, was arrested for burning and was tried before the old county court of five magistrates. The proof was complete and four of the magistrates were for hanging, but Gen. Wickham, the fifth one, refused to unite in a judgment so severe where no life was taken, and so the incendiary was saved. His son, so far from voting for him, however, was unsleeping in his opposition to the man who had saved his father's life.

This was the bitterest campaign I recall in Virginia, for a section had split off from the democratic party, and, with the "readjustment" of the public debt vas organizing the negroes a fact which at once greatly aroused the race feeling on both sides. The negro churches a tremendous enginery among the negroes-worked unceasingly, and for the first time the negro women organized and took an active hand in the work. They formed clubs and the air was filled with rumors or violent talk.

The negro's habit of assuming double names is so well recognized that one ceases to be surprised at it. The other day one came to my office with some pension papers, to try to get a pension as the widow of a deceased union soldier. The papers had been made out by an agent in Baltimore on the statement of the woman's daughter, and her name was given as "Caroline Thompson, widow of William Thompson," "But, Aunt Winnie," said my partner

to whose father both she and her husband had formerly belonged, "this is not your name?" "Nor, sah; dat am't my name," she

"Were you ever called Caroline?" ! "Nor, sah." "Well, what was your husband's

"Henry Johnson; but I did heah after he left me that he changed his name to William Johnson." The pension papers were returned to

the agent with a statement of the facts. This will illustrate why when twenty William Johnsons are registered, most of them if not all looking as much alike to a white man's eye as so many blackeyed peas, delay and mistakes in examining them are unavoidable. One of the challenged, however, got the turn on his challenger that day. He had been a rag picker and bought rags, scraps of paper, etc., but had moved from the shanty he had long occupied, and on purging day, nothing being him, had been stricken from the poll list as dead. On election day he turned up in line to vote, alive enough. It happened that one of the challengers had some time before sold him some stuff, and when he appeared

"Hello, Unole Billy! You can't rote You are dead."

"What's dat?" asked the old fellow. "Why, you are dead. See here." He showed him the page and the word "dead" opposite his name. Billy looked at it a moment curiously and then alipped out of line

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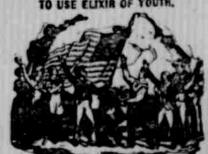
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